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Sir:

In a review of the file for this allowed application (issue fee having not yet been paid), it has been noted that the Third and Fourth Information Disclosure Statements have not been initiated by the Examiner. Thus, as the Information Disclosure Statement filings are submitted to have been in full record with the applicable rules, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge confirmation of his review of the listed references. For reference a copy of the earlier filed third and fourth citation forms are enclosed (each of which appear on the "PAIR" system).

Also, on March 24, 2008 a corrected drawing sheet was submitted with an Amendment. While there was indicated that all amendments were entered, a specific confirmation that the corrected drawing sheet has been accepted is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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